

Minutes of the Joint Meeting
Of the Boards of Commissioners of the
HOUSING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF FRESNO

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

5:00 P.M.

The Boards of Commissioners of the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at the Fresno Housing Authority offices, located at 1331 Fulton Street, Fresno, California.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner Adrian Jones, of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Adrian Jones, Chair
 Caine Christensen, Vice Chair
 Sharon Williams
 Ruby Yanez

ABSENT: Terra Brusseau
 Rueben Scott
 Stacy Vaillancourt

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner Sablan, of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Fresno County. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Stacy Sablan, Chair
 Mary G. Castro, Vice Chair
 Nikki Henry
 Cary Catalano
 Valori Gallaher
 Joey Fuentes

ABSENT: None.

Also, in attendance were the following: Preston Prince, CEO/Executive Director, and Ken Price, Baker Manock and Jensen -General Counsel.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED)

CITY MOTION: Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNTY MOTION: Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Catalano, to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest stated at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine action items and will be enacted in one motion unless pulled by any member of the Boards of Commissions or the public. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered following approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Consideration of the Minutes of July 23, 2019
- b. Consideration of the Ratification of the Application to HUD – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program
- c. Consideration of Application Submission for Mainstream Voucher Program – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

CITY MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the consent agenda items as posted.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNTY MOTION: Commissioner Catalano moved, seconded by Commissioner Fuentes to approve the Minutes of July 23, 2019 as posted.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0**6. INFORMATIONAL**

- a. Resident Empowerment Overview – Summer Tech Camp

Bobby Coulter, Senior Manager of ITS, and Jason Cooksey, Developer Fellow at Bitwise Industries, presented on this.

- b. Board Retreat Debrief Discussion

Commissioner Sablan and Commissioner Jones presented on this.

- c. Board Discussion - 2020 Agency Plans

Angie Nguyen, Chief of Staff, presented on this.

- d. Update on the 2020 Federal Budget and Agency Budget Timeline

Emily De La Guerra, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, presented on this.

- e. Real Estate Development Update - California Avenue Neighborhood Planning Update

Michael Duarte, Director of Planning & Community Development, presented on this.

- f. Introduction of the Early Retirement Program

Emily De La Guerra, Director of Finance and Administration, presented on this.

7. ACTION

Nicole Diaz, Controller, and Marc Davis, Partner of Davis Farr, presented on item 7a. Christina Husbands, Assistant Director, presented on item 7c. Emily De La Guerra, Director of Finance and Administration, presented on item 7d.

- a. County: Consideration to Receive and File the 2018 Annual Audited Basic Financial Statements

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Henry moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher to receive and file the 2018 annual audited basic financial statements.*

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

- b. City: Consideration to Receive and File the 2018 Annual Audited Basic Financial Statements

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Yanez to receive and file the 2018 annual audited basic financial statements.*

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

- c. Consideration of Funding Commitment – Veterans Affairs Hospital Parking Lot

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Christensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Yanez, to approve the funding commitment for the veteran’s affairs hospital parking lot.*

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher to approve the funding commitment for the veteran’s affairs hospital parking lot.*

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

- d. Consideration of Contract Approval for Parking Lot Construction – Veterans Affairs Hospital

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Yanez to approve the contract for parking lot construction.*

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Gallaher moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher to approve the contract for parking lot construction.*

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

8. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

Commissioner Sablan recapped on time spent on information items and action items. She talked about the phrase “take our temperature” in order to keep an eye on the timing of meetings. This would ensure a more efficiently run meeting. She also mentions the meeting with Commissioner Jones and Eric Payne, Executive Director of the Central Valley Urban Institute. Mr. Payne had previously sent a letter requesting to put some thought in a convening surrounding diversity issues. During the meeting, they discussed Mr. Payne’s ideas and a plan that the staff is working on. They project the plan to be rolled out next month. She has asked to have this topic on the upcoming Executive Committee agenda and next month’s Board agenda.

Commissioner Jones wanted to thank staff for all of the help setting up the Board Retreat. She also thanked the board members for sending the letters. She mentioned the board dinner date. Tiffany Mangum noted that it is scheduled for December, but will reach out to the board when it is confirmed. It is to be added to the executive committee agenda.

Commissioner Christensen wanted to appreciate the staff's work. He talks about his recent visit to Firebaugh. He felt a connection when he first witnessed Rio Villas in front of the school. He feels a deep appreciation for the change we are making in children's lives.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the written Director's report, the following items were announced:

- First E-Newsletter is set to be released on August 28 in order to have more communication.
- Announcement of RAB meeting happening August 28
- Mr. Prince announced a couple of promotions within the Fresno Housing Authority.
- DRIVE Steering Community unveiling on September 10th
- Highlight of National Night Out in the newsletter
- Grand opening in Fowler at Magnolia Commons on August 29th at 10:30 a.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION

The Boards went into closed session at approximately 6:10 p.m.

The Boards returned to open session at approximately 6:13 p.m.

11. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There were no items to report at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be considered by the Boards of Commissioners for the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:14 p.m.



Preston Prince, Secretary to the Boards of Commissioners